

PENZANCE COUNCIL – 20 JULY 2026**REPORT FOR DECISION****REPLENISHMENT OF PENLEE LODGE BUDGET UNDERSPEND**

Our Culture	Our Decision Making	Our Environment	Our Money	Our People	Our Places	Our Resilience & Wellbeing
						
			✓			

Recommendation:

A virement of £4,490 be made from the General Fund to the Penlee Lodge budget (1211).

Background:

Throughout the 2026/27 budgeting process focus had remained on establishing a sufficient earmarked reserve to undertake some minor internal remodelling of the lodge to support its change of use following the conclusion of the previous tenancy. Unfortunately, following the tenant vacating the lodge, a number of costs including utility bills and council tax have still needed to be paid, and these are currently costed against budget line 1211 – Penlee Lodge which was set with a £0 budget as part of the 2026/27 budget setting process. This has led to budget line 1211 showing as a £1,707.47 overspend at the time of writing.

On 31 March 2026 the Penlee Lodge budget (1211) had an amount of £4,490 remaining which was then subsumed by the General Fund at year end.

It is therefore recommended that £4,490 is vired from the General Fund to budget line 1211 - The Lodge, to support the ongoing costs which have now become Penzance Council's responsibility upon the conclusion of the previous tenancy.

This report was considered by the Leisure and Amenities Committee at its meeting held on 22 June 2026 where it unanimously resolved to make the recommendation set out above.

Ben Bros gall
Leisure and Amenities Manager

PENZANCE COUNCIL – 20 JULY 2026**REPORT FOR DECISION****APPLICATION FOR GRANT – MONTOL FESTIVAL CIC**

Our Culture	Our Decision Making	Our Environment	Our Money	Our People	Our Places	Our Resilience & Wellbeing
						
✓			✓			

Grant Request Summary:

Amount Requested	£7,470.00
Summary of Project	For costs relating to the delivery of the 2026 Montol Festival on December 21 st
Supporting Councillor	Penny Young
Grants Received in Past 5 Years	2025/26 - £7,500 2024/25 - £5,000 2023/24 - £5,000
Has other grant funding been sourced?	Yes

Recommendation:

A grant of £7,470 be awarded from the General Grants Budget to the Montol Festival CIC for the project: 'Montol 2026'.

Background:

Information about the cause of the organisation and the reason for their grant request can be viewed at Appendix 1 to this report, including both the grant application and supporting documentation.

It should be noted that, in accordance with the Council's adopted Grants Policy, in instances where projects require additional funding in order to proceed, Penzance Council will not release any approved funds until such time that all other funding is in place/secured, and for a maximum of twelve months from the date of approval.

This report was considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee at its meeting held on 6 July 2026 where it resolved to make the recommendation set out above.

Cameron Sil
Finance Manager



PENZANCE COUNCIL

Grant Application Form:

Grant Window 4 May 2026 – 1 June 2026

Notes to Applicants

To help us process your application quickly, please:

- Read the Council's Grant Policy carefully to ensure your request is eligible.
- Complete the application **fully** and include the **supporting information** listed below – this will avoid delays in progressing your application
- Let us know if you have any questions before sending in your application
- **Please note you cannot apply outside of the defined grant window dates which are outlined above.**

Checklist for Applicants

If you can tick ALL the boxes below you are eligible to apply for a grant:

- Your project has **not** already started or been completed ☒
- Your organisation has a bank account in its own name with at least two authorised signatories named on the account (grants cannot be paid to individuals) ☒
- Your organisation is non-profit making ☒
- Your project will benefit the people of Penzance Parish ☒
- Your project **does not** have party political links ☒
- Your project is **not** for the purposes of animal welfare ☒
- Your application is **not** to cover salaries or routine administration costs ☒
- Your project **does not** discriminate against groups with protected characteristics as outlined in the Equality Act 2010 ☒

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Received	/ /
Reference Number	
Applicant Name (Responsible for any award):	██████████ ██████████ ██████████
Position:	Festival Directors
Organisation:	Montol Festival
Organisation's full postal address, including postcode:	██
Telephone Number:	██████████
E-mail:	hello@montol.org
Status of Organisation:	Community Interest Company
Charity/Company Number (if applicable)	Charity No: N/A Company No:15168828
Are there any Members of Penzance Council on your Committee? (if so, please list them)	Yes, Nicole Broadhurst
Supporting Councillor signature (Mandatory):	Penny Young
What geographical area does your organisation cover?	Penzance

How long has your organisation been in existence?	Less than one year ☐ Between one and five years ☒ More than five years ☐
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Please be aware for all applications, the applicant must deliver a presentation to the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

1. Organisation Background

Have you ever applied or received a grant from Penzance Council within the last 5 Years? (Please list – continue on a separate sheet if necessary)
Penzance Council awarded Montol Festival CIC: £5,000 in November 2023 £5,000 in November 2024 £7,500 in September 2025
What are the aims and objectives of your organisation?
To establish Montol as the leading celebration of Cornish midwinter culture—an event that unites communities, attracts global interest, and showcases Cornwall’s unique heritage. Montol Festival exists to preserve and promote Cornish folklore through inclusive, participatory traditions. We aim to create a safe, accessible, and free celebration that fosters pride, creativity, and cultural exchange, ensuring that Cornish midwinter customs thrive for future generations. Aims • Celebrate the midwinter solstice and Cornish folklore through an inclusive, community-driven festival. • Preserve and promote living Cornish culture, ensuring it is recognised as distinctive and unique. • Provide a free, accessible event. • Grow Montol’s reach and reputation locally, nationally, and internationally as a vibrant cultural celebration. Objectives for 2026 1. Deepen community engagement by delivering free cultural gatherings in the lead

- up to Montol – The Mummers Play starting in August 2026, The Troyl in September 2026 and The Gathering in November 2026
2. Preserve Cornish midwinter traditions through authentic performances, crafts, and language.
 3. Increase attendance year-on-year, strengthening Penzance's position as a hub of cultural vibrancy.
 4. Ensure public safety and accessibility through robust event management and facilities.
 5. Expand the program with a 'Super Saturday' of workshops before the main festival, creating a richer experience for participants that is free at point of delivery.
 6. Maintain inclusivity and free access, so everyone can take part regardless of financial means.
 7. Continue to innovate – ensuring that growth remains organic and responds to genuine community needs.

What are the main activities of your organisation?

Montol Festival CIC delivers a range of cultural and community-focused activities designed to preserve Cornish traditions and foster inclusive participation. Our main activities include:

- Organising the annual Montol Festival on 21 December, celebrating the midwinter solstice and Cornish folklore through parades, performances, and community gatherings.
- Delivering free cultural workshops in traditional crafts and customs, such as mask-making, guise dancing, Cornish carol singing, and lantern/bunch making.
- Promoting and safeguarding Cornish midwinter traditions, language, and music through participatory events and educational activities.
- Ensuring inclusivity by making events free at the point of delivery and accessible to all, fostering pride and participation rather than passive spectating.
- Implementing robust safety measures and providing accessible facilities for public wellbeing during the festival.
- Maintaining an updated website and active social media presence to share festival timings, developments, and cultural content.
- Expanding the program with initiatives like 'Super Saturday' workshops and community led mummers plays.

Please demonstrate your organisation's commitment to equal opportunities (please enclose any relevant policies)

Montol Festival CIC is committed to creating an inclusive environment where everyone can participate fully, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, disability, or socio economic background.

Our events are free at the point of delivery, ensuring financial barriers do not prevent engagement.

We actively promote accessibility by providing clear information, safe facilities, and support for those with additional needs.

We celebrate diversity and encourage participation from all sections of the community. Our programming reflects this ethos by incorporating traditional Cornish

culture in ways that are open and welcoming to all, while fostering respect and understanding across different backgrounds.
Volunteers and staff are recruited based on merit, and we operate a strict non-discrimination policy in line with UK equality legislation.

	Yes / No or N/A
Is this a retrospective grant application?	No
Are you part of a religious group?	No
If the application is for a Church – is it for anything other than a parish clock, Community Hall (used by all within the community) or environmental purposes?	No
If the application is for a School – is it for anything other than environmental purposes or a project that does not benefit the wider community and is not in addition to statutory services?	No
If the application is from an education, health or social service establishment – do you work in partnership with other groups?	No
If the application is from an education, health or social service establishment – is the proposed project in addition to statutory services?	No

2. Your project

Start Date (<i>cannot start prior to the approving Council meeting*</i>)	August 2026
Finish Date	December 2026
Total Cost of Project	£11500
Grant Applied For	£7470

** All the grant windows and timelines for the current financial year can be found on the Council's website – penzance-tc.gov.uk/grants*

Project title:	Montol 2026
Description of project (please continue on a	Montol Festival is an annual arts and community celebration held in Penzance on the shortest day of the year, 21 December. Rooted in Cornish folklore and

separate sheet if necessary)	midwinter traditions, Montol brings together music, performance, and craft to mark the solstice in a way that is vibrant, inclusive, and deeply connected to local heritage. The festival revives and reinterprets historic customs such as guise dancing, lantern processions, and the singing of Cornish carols, creating a living cultural experience rather than a static display. Montol is free at the point of delivery, ensuring that everyone—regardless of background or income—can participate fully. It is not about passive spectating; it is about pride, creativity, and community involvement. Over the past three years, Montol has grown from a niche local event into a celebration recognised across Cornwall and beyond. Montol Festival CIC works year-round to plan and deliver the event, offering workshops, cultural activities, and opportunities for volunteering. Our commitment is to preserve Cornish midwinter traditions, foster inclusivity, and ensure that this celebration continues to thrive for future generations.
Where in the Parish will the project/activity take place?	Promenade and Eat
Who will benefit from the project? (please tell us what groups will benefit and approximately how many people will benefit in total)	Montol Festival delivers significant benefits to a wide range of communities, starting with those in Penzance and West Cornwall: • Local Residents – Montol provides a free, accessible celebration that fosters community pride and participation, offering opportunities for volunteering, performance, and cultural engagement. • Local Artists and Makers – The festival showcases work from Cornish creatives, supporting traditional crafts and contemporary interpretations of folklore. • Local Businesses – Increased footfall during the festival boosts trade for shops, cafés, and hospitality venues in Penzance. • Montol attracts visitors from across Cornwall, strengthening the county's cultural identity and promoting heritage tourism. Montol 25 had ~5000 people attend across the 9 hours of events.
What evidence do you have that this project is required? (This might be survey work or statistical evidence)	Montol Festival is deeply valued by the community, as shown by record attendance in 2025 and overwhelming positive feedback on social media. The 2025 event attracted thousands of participants from Penzance and across Cornwall, with visitors traveling from the UK and overseas to experience this unique celebration of Cornish midwinter traditions.

	Social media engagement reflects this enthusiasm. Comments include: • "Montol is the highlight of our year – a magical celebration that brings everyone together." • "We travel from Devon every December just for Montol. It's unlike anything else in the UK." • "Thank you for keeping Cornish traditions alive in such an inclusive way." • "Montol makes Penzance feel alive – please keep it growing!" • "It's a spectacular day and night! Don't forget your guise!" • "Montol takes place every year on the 21 December. Whatever the day—whatever the weather... If you are back in Kernow, you will love this!" • "Thousands 'turn the world upside down' celebrating the midwinter solstice at Montol Festival" • "It's a vibrant, creative reinvention of a tradition with deep roots in this Celtic land, bringing people together to celebrate the solstice with music, dance, fire — and a huge dose of community spirit."
What support have you received for this project? (Please tell us about any expressions of support you have received from outside your organisation)	Penzance Council awarded Montol Festival CIC £5,000 in November 2024 and £7,500 in September 2025, enabling a safer, more inclusive festival experience Creative Kernow Support Montol received support and capacity building through FEAST—Creative Kernow's community festivals programme. The festival submitted grant reports in December 2025 to both Penzance Council and FEAST Cornwall, illustrating partnership and endorsement Crowdfunding Achievements • 2025 campaign raised £2,396 toward bonfires, torches, and stewarding • 2024 campaign raised £1,787 from 96 supporters to finance parade safety and workshops. • 2023 campaign raised £1,011 from 55 supporters for fire performances, torches, stewarding, and workshops. Volunteer Contribution The Montol Organising Committee contributed approximately 500 hours, while 248 performers contributed around 2,232 hours, totalling 2,732 volunteer hours. Valued at National Living Wage Foundation rates, this represents an in-kind contribution of £34,723, showcasing extraordinary community dedication and support.

How will the project be managed and how will you measure its success?	All festival policies, plans, and risk assessments will be reviewed and updated as required. The Event Notification Plan and Traffic Management Plan will be submitted to Cornwall Council in June 2026, and insurance will be secured in July 2026. Regular, task-focused meetings will be held between festival directors, team members, and relevant partners. Each meeting will highlight specific actions, responsibilities, and deadlines. Montol Festival has strengthened its operational framework, introducing comprehensive safety and security measures, medical care provision, and strategic road closures to ensure both accessibility and public safety. These enhancements ensure that we deliver a well-managed and secure event experience. Team Structure for 2026 • [REDACTED] – Perfect Event Group (PEG), Community Safety Advisor and Event Lead • [REDACTED] – Gul Rock Events, Traffic Safety and Road Closure Coordinator • Devon & Cornwall 4x4 Response – Road Closure Operations (10 vehicles) • Coast Medical – Medical Cover • Coast2Coast Security – Community Safety (4 SIA Stewards) • SB Events – Bonfire and Torch Operations Community Safety and Security Event Safety Management: [REDACTED]: Festival Event Safety Manager. Command structure: Platinum - [REDACTED] Gold – [REDACTED] Silver – [REDACTED] Bronze – Coast2Coast Security Support services: Devon & Cornwall 4x4 Response will provide secure cordons and assist with temporary road closures. All key plans will be updated and shared with relevant authorities. Digital radios will be hired for communication, with mobile numbers as backup.
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Please give the timescale and key milestones for your project, including a start date and finish date.	Proposed timeline/milestones May 2026 Grant Applications submitted to Penzance Council and Feast Exploratory meetings with Trelya and Penzance Youth Centre regarding possible performance June 2026 Road closures and event notification sent to Cornwall Council Operational contractor quotes sought Insurance policy purchased Bus and taxi companies informed of road closures Dates for Troyl and The Gathering finalised July 2026 Secure and pay for venues Operational contractors engaged Permissions for use of PMR sought August Consolidation and catch-up September 2026 Possible Equinox Event as launch Crowdfunder launched Social media campaign soft launch Volunteer performer recruitment begins Begin work with performance partner on play (subject to FEAST grant outcome) Contractor meeting Engage Pixel for Super Saturday Engage workshop leaders for Super Saturday October 2026 Troyl Begin work on Sun Building Bus companies reminded of road closures Contractor meeting November 2026 Social media enters high-activity phase The Gathering December 2026 Super Saturday workshops Montol Festival
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What arrangements do you have in place to ensure safeguarding of children and young people (applicable only if your project involves working with this client group)	Montol Festival CIC – Safeguarding Policy 1. Purpose Montol Festival CIC is committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all participants, volunteers, staff, and members of the public, especially children and vulnerable adults, during all activities and events. 2. Scope This policy applies to all trustees, volunteers, contractors, and anyone working on behalf of Montol Festival CIC. 3. Our Commitment We will: Promote a safe and inclusive environment. Take all safeguarding concerns seriously. Respond promptly and appropriately to any concerns raised. Ensure all relevant individuals understand their safeguarding responsibilities. 4. Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) The DSL for Montol Festival CIC is: [REDACTED] Contact: [REDACTED] 07935 127875 The DSL is responsible for: Acting as the first point of contact for safeguarding concerns. Ensuring concerns are reported to the appropriate authorities. Keeping records of any safeguarding issues. 5. Code of Conduct All individuals working with Montol Festival CIC must: Treat everyone with respect and dignity. Avoid any behaviour that could be considered abusive or inappropriate. Report any safeguarding concerns immediately to the DSL. 6. Reporting Concerns If you witness or suspect abuse or harm: Report it immediately to the DSL. If someone is in immediate danger, contact emergency services on 999. 7. Confidentiality All safeguarding concerns will be handled with sensitivity and confidentiality. Information will only be shared on a need-to-know basis. 8. Review This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner
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	if there are changes in legislation or safeguarding procedures. Last Reviewed January 2026
What will the money be spent on? (Provide a full breakdown of project cost(s) identifying what cost(s) this grant would be spent on)	How Our Project is Funded The total budget for this year's project is £11,770, and we're bringing together a mix of grant support and our own community fundraising to make it happen. We are asking the Council for £7,470 (63.5% of the total) and Feast for £2,500 (21.2%). The remaining 15.3% (£1,800) will come directly from our community through our online Crowdfunder. Just to clear up how our own fundraising works based on last year's feedback: we don't actually do bucket collections at our events, so we haven't listed any income for that. Instead, we use our merchandise—like our tote bags and badges—exclusively as rewards to help drive our online Crowdfunder. This year's £1,800 Crowdfunder target is based on what we achieved in 2025, when our community helped us raise just over £2,000 in total. To break that down: £1,025 came from people picking a merchandise reward, and because we spent only £300 production costs on merch, that brought in a clean £725 profit. On top of that, we raised another £1,000+ from generous supporters who didn't even want a reward—they just wanted to back the project. By combining these grants with our own local fundraising, we've worked hard to keep our request to the Council as low as we can, while showing just how much hands-on local support the project has. Below is a quick outline of the funding we are looking for and exactly what items each stream will cover. (We have a quote for the main event insurance but have yet to get the quotes for the workshop insurance and The Gathering insurance as we have not yet finalised the venue for these two events.)

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Item	Cost	PZC	Feast	CF
PEG Event Safety Officer	£ 700.00	£ 700.00		
Insurance	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00		
Gul Rock Event Management	£ 700.00	£ 700.00		
Coast2Coast	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00		
Coast Medic	£ 900.00	£ 900.00		
D&C 4x4 Response	£ 800.00	£ 800.00		
SB Fire and Events	£ 500.00	£ 500.00		
Fire Consumables	£ 500.00	£ 500.00		
CC Event Notification	£ 70.00	£ 70.00		
Venue Hire	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00		
Vehicle Hire	£ 300.00	£ 300.00		
Fire Basket Repair	£ 100.00			£ 100.00
Super Saturday	£ 1,000.00		£ 500.00	£ 500.00
Mummers Play	£ 2,000.00		£ 2,000.00	
Merchandise	£ 300.00			£ 300.00
Fire Performers	£ 700.00			£ 700.00
Refreshments	£ 200.00			£ 200.00
Total	£ 11,770.00	£ 7,470.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 1,800.00
	Cost	PZC	Feast	CF

Please list any applications you have made for funding from other organisations in the table below:

Organisation	Contribution Sought (£)	Applied? (Yes/No)	Granted? (Yes/no)
Feast	2500	Yes – awaiting outcome	
Crowdfunder	1800	Awaiting outcome of PZC grant	
ACE	Dependant on match - 2500	Awaiting outcome of PZC and Feast grant	

3. Further information enclosed Checklist

	Enclosed? (Yes/No)
A copy of your organisation's most recent bank statements (mandatory)	Yes
Copies of all <u>relevant</u> Employer, Building & Public Liability Insurance Certificates & Title Deeds if appropriate (mandatory)	Yes
A copy of your constitution and articles of association (or similar documents if the above do not exist, showing the organisation's status)	Yes
A copy of your organisation's latest set of accounting statements (if any exist)	Yes
Copies of any letters of support for your project	Yes
The bank account your project is using is in the project's/organisation name with at least 2 authorised signatories required to sign each cheque or online payment	Yes
I have read the Privacy Notice at the end of this form and placed an 'x' in the relevant box	Yes
Other (please list)	Montol 25 Festival Report

If any of the above documents have not been enclosed, please give reasons why

4. Declaration by the applicant

I/We declare that, to the best of my/our belief, the information given on this application form and in any enclosed supporting document is correct.

I/We declare that, I/we have read the Council's Grant Policy and believe to the best of our knowledge, that we meet the criteria set out by the Policy.

I/We accept the following:

- (i) that any false information we provide, even if provided in good faith, may lead to the withdrawal of the grant offered,
- (ii) a presentation is required by the applicant(s) to the Council. This will be arranged prior to any meeting by the Council staff.
- (iii) that any grant offered will be used only for the purposes set out in this application and
- (iv) that we will provide reports on progress to Penzance Council and attend the Annual Town meeting (see section 4.1) (if appropriate).
- (v) that should any grant offered, not be used in accordance with the terms and conditions set by Penzance Council, we undertake on behalf of the organisation to repay the outstanding amount to Penzance Council on demand.
- (vi) that I/we will work with the Council's Communications Officer to promote the grant award and will acknowledge the funding provided by Penzance Council in all promotional materials, media coverage & interviews, and on our website(s)/social media channels (if applicable).

Signed:	[REDACTED]
Name(s):	[REDACTED]
Position(s):	Festival Directors
Date:	09/05/2026

Please be aware that the decision as to whether you have been successful in your application will be communicated to you shortly after the relevant Committee / Council meeting.

5. Privacy Notice

Penzance Council takes your privacy seriously.

A full copy of the Council's Data Protection Policy (including a Privacy Notice) is available to download on the website: www.penzance-tc.gov.uk/download/data-protection-policy/

If you require the Data Protection Policy in a different format, please contact Penzance Council:

Email: info@penzance-tc.gov.uk

Tel: 01736 363405

Please indicate below that you understand how your data will be processed and stored and therefore give your explicit consent for Penzance Council to hold your data in accordance with our Privacy Policy:

Yes ☒ No ☐

Please return your completed form and relevant information to:

Penzance Council

Email: info@penzance-tc.gov.uk

In-person/post: Penlee Centre, Penlee Park, Penzance, TR18 4HE

(if you wish to post an application, you must ensure that it arrives before the grant window deadline, this method is not recommended unless you use guaranteed delivery)

MONTOL FESTIVAL CIC

Company limited by guarantee

**Company Registration Number:
15168828 (England and Wales)**

Unaudited statutory accounts for the year ended 30 September 2025

Period of accounts

Start date: 1 October 2024

End date: 30 September 2025

MONTOL FESTIVAL CIC

Contents of the Financial Statements for the Period Ended 30 September 2025

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MONTOL FESTIVAL CIC**Balance sheet****As at 30 September 2025**

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2024</i>
		<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets:		0	0
Tangible assets:		0	0
Investments:		0	0
Total fixed assets:		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Current assets			
Stocks:		0	0
Debtors:		0	0
Cash at bank and in hand:		6,915	1,896
Investments:		0	0
Total current assets:		<u>6,915</u>	<u>1,896</u>
Prepayments and accrued income:		0	0
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:		0	0
Net current assets (liabilities):		<u>6,915</u>	<u>1,896</u>
Total assets less current liabilities:		<u>6,915</u>	<u>1,896</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:		0	0
Provision for liabilities:		0	0
Accruals and deferred income:		0	0
Total net assets (liabilities):		<u>6,915</u>	<u>1,896</u>
Members' funds			
Profit and loss account:		6,915	1,896
Total members' funds:		<u>6,915</u>	<u>1,896</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

MONTOL FESTIVAL CIC

Balance sheet statements

For the year ending 30 September 2025 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The directors have chosen not to file a copy of the company's profit and loss account.

**This report was approved by the board of directors on 10 June 2026
and signed on behalf of the board by:**

Name: XXXXXXXXXX
Status: Director

The notes form part of these financial statements

MONTOL FESTIVAL CIC

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the Period Ended 30 September 2025

1. Accounting policies

Basis of measurement and preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 1A (Small Entities) of Financial Reporting Standard 102

Turnover policy

Turnover Policy:

Turnover represents the total invoice value, excluding value added tax, of fees, ticket sales, and workshop income receivable during the year, and is recognized when the underlying event or service is delivered.

Grants and donations are recognized in the Profit and Loss Account when the company becomes legally entitled to the income, any performance-related conditions are met, and the value can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income received in advance for a future festival cycle is deferred on the Balance Sheet as a creditor until the event takes place.

MONTOL FESTIVAL CIC**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Period Ended 30 September 2025****2. Employees**

	<i>2025</i>	<i>2024</i>
Average number of employees during the period	0	0

MONTOL FESTIVAL CIC

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Period Ended 30 September 2025**

3. Financial Commitments

At the balance sheet date, the company had no financial commitments, guarantees, or contingencies that were not already recognized on the balance sheet

COMMUNITY INTEREST ANNUAL REPORT

MONTOL FESTIVAL CIC

Company Number: 15168828 (England and Wales)

Year Ending: 30 September 2025

Company activities and impact

During this financial year, Montol CIC successfully organised and delivered the annual Montol Festival in Penzance, celebrating Cornish midwinter customs and the winter solstice. The primary benefit to the community was the promotion of local heritage, cultural education, and community cohesion.

To achieve this, the CIC provided free, open-access public events on December 21st, including traditional processions, music, and community performances. We also ran a series of affordable or free community workshops in the weeks leading up to the festival. In these workshops, local residents of all ages and backgrounds were taught traditional lantern-making, costume creation, and mock-mayor customs.

By keeping the core festival events entirely free and held in public spaces, we ensured that financial barriers did not prevent anyone in the local community from participating. The festival brought thousands of residents and visitors into the town center, fostering a deep sense of civic pride, reducing social isolation during the winter months, and providing a significant economic boost to local independent businesses and hospitality venues in Penzance.

Consultation with stakeholders

No consultation with stakeholders

Directors' remuneration

No remuneration was received

Transfer of assets

No transfer of assets other than for full consideration

This report was approved by the board of directors on
10 June 2026

And signed on behalf of the board by:

Name: [REDACTED]

Status: Director

This document was delivered using electronic communications and authenticated in accordance with the registrar's rules relating to electronic form, authentication and manner of delivery under section 1072 of the Companies Act 2006.

MONTOL FESTIVAL CIC

[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

Your Account

Sort Code [REDACTED]
 Account Number [REDACTED]

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT

01 April 2026 to 30 April 2026

Money In	£30.00	Balance on 01 April 2026	£0.83
Money Out	£4.25	Balance on 30 April 2026	£26.58

Your Transactions

Date	Description	Type	Money In (£)	Money Out (£)	Balance (£)
16 Apr 26	[REDACTED]	FPI	30.00		30.83
20 Apr 26	[REDACTED]	PAY		4.25	26.58

Transaction types

BGC Bank Giro Credit	BP Bill Payments	CHG Charge	CHQ Cheque
COR Correction	CPT Cashpoint	DD Direct Debit	DEB Debit Card
DEP Deposit	FEE Fixed Service	FPI Faster Payment In	FPO Faster Payment Out
MPI Mobile Payment In	MPO Mobile Payment Out	PAY Payment	SO Standing Order
TFR Transfer			



Confirmation Statement

Company Name: **MONTOL FESTIVAL CIC**

Company Number: **15168828**



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Company Name: **MONTOL FESTIVAL CIC**

Company Number: **15168828**

Confirmation Statement date: **26/09/2025**

Statement date:

The company confirms that its intended future activities are lawful.

Confirmation Statement

I confirm that all information required to be delivered by the company to the registrar in relation to the confirmation period concerned either has been delivered or is being delivered at the same time as the confirmation statement

Authorisation

Authenticated

This form was authorised by one of the following:

Director, Secretary, Person Authorised, Charity Commission Receiver and Manager, CIC Manager,
Judicial Factor



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MONTOL FESTIVAL CIC

Review and authorise payments

MONTOL FESTIVAL CIC



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Payment control

The number of users needed to authorise each payment depends on the payment control service set up for your business.

Payments you can authorise

You currently have no payments awaiting authorisation.

Quote Ref: **QEV50071049**
 Quote Date: **16/06/2026**
 Quote Expiry: **14/07/2026**

One Off Insurance Quotation



Event Insurance Services Ltd
 20A Headlands Business Park
 Ringwood
 Hampshire
 BH24 3PB

www.events-insurance.co.uk

FAO: Montol Festival CIC
Address of Insured:



Name of Insured	Montol Festival CIC
Contact Name	[REDACTED] t
Insured Address	[REDACTED]
Insurance Date: (dates of cover)	19/12/2026
Type of Cover	One Off Insurance
Event Type:	Community Workshop. Open, free workshop allowing the community to come and make masks, cloaks, headresses and lanterns for the Montol parades
Event Description	Community Workshop. Open, free workshop allowing the community to come and make masks, cloaks, headresses and lanterns for the Montol parades
Event Name:	Super Saturday
Event Venue:	Pixel Penzance - Pixel, Causewayhead, Penzance, Cornwall, TR18 2SP
Attendees per event	UP TO 100 ATTENDANCE PER EVENT

SECTION	COVER	SINGLE ITEM LIMIT	EXCESS	PREMIUM
Section 1: Public Liability	£2,000,000		£250.00	£99.00
Section 2: Employers Liability	£5,000,000		£0.00	£61.00
			Gross Premium	£160.00
			Net Premium	£142.86
			I.P.T. @ 12%	£17.14
			Total	£160.00

Endorsements and special conditions: None

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Quote Ref: **QEV50069787**
Quote Date: **12/06/2026**
Quote Expiry: **14/06/2026**

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Quotation



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FAO: Montol Festival CIC
Address of Insured:



Name of Insured	Montol Festival CIC
Contact Name	
Insured Address	
Insurance Date: (dates of cover)	21/12/2026
Type of Cover	One Off Insurance
Event Type:	Festival (All types)
Event Name:	Montol 26
Event Venue:	Penzance - Market House, Market Place, Penzance, Cornwall, TR18 2JG
Attendees per event	UP TO 5,000 ATTENDANCE PER EVENT

SECTION	COVER	SINGLE ITEM LIMIT	EXCESS	PREMIUM
Section 1: Public Liability	£10,000,000		£250.00	£596.00
Section 2: Employers Liability	£10,000,000		£0.00	£301.00
			Gross Premium	£897.00
			Net Premium	£800.89
			I.P.T. @ 12%	£96.11
			Total	£897.00

Endorsements and special conditions	None
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Montol Festival CIC – Environmental Statement

Montol Festival CIC recognises the importance of protecting the environment and is committed to minimising its ecological impact while celebrating Cornish culture and traditions.

We aim to:

- Reduce waste by encouraging reuse and recycling of materials used in costumes, lanterns, and decorations.
- Promote sustainable practices among participants, volunteers, and suppliers, including the use of eco-friendly materials and low-impact transport.
- Respect natural spaces by ensuring all events and activities leave no trace and avoid harm to local wildlife and habitats.
- Educate and inspire through workshops and performances that highlight the connection between folk traditions and the natural world.

Our Specific Environmental Goals:

- We encourage the use of second-hand and recycled clothing and fabrics in guise making, reducing textile waste and promoting creative reuse.
- We actively encourage participants to bring and use their own reusable drinking cups and glasses, helping to reduce single-use plastics at our events.
- We recycle and reuse mask-making materials across workshops and activities, ensuring minimal waste and maximum creativity.
- We source materials from local suppliers wherever possible, helping to reduce our carbon footprint and support the local economy.
- We encourage participants to shop locally during the festival, strengthening community ties and promoting sustainable consumer habits.

We believe that cultural celebration and environmental stewardship go hand in hand. As we honour the past, we also look to the future—working together to ensure Montol remains a sustainable and responsible festival for generations to come.



Montol 2026

[Redacted]

Jun 11, 8:05 PM



to me ▾

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'd like to share my support and enthusiasm for the Montol Festival in Penzance.

We come into town and enjoy the build up in the local pubs, cafes and restaurants, spending a lot of money we wouldn't normally.

We take part in the dancing and singing and enjoy the colourful, friendly party atmosphere well into the night.

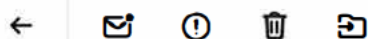
I think it really helps endorse how great Penzance is and shows it as a place where all are welcome.

Regards,

[Redacted]

↩ Reply

➦ Forward



Support for Montol

Jun 12, 8:40 AM



to me ▾

Hello

I'm writing to express my support for further funding for Montol.

Montol has had a significant impact on me. I came to my first Montol four years ago and every Montol since then. Our family eats, drinks, stays and socialises in Penzance for a day either side of the festival spending our time and money in the town.

At my first Montol I met people and made new friends and went on to join a number of local community groups as a result. Since then as we became more involved as a family taking part in the ritual and misrule, we decided to sell our house in mid Cornwall, leave our jobs and move to Penzance.

Montol has opened up a whole world of community to us that has enriched and enlarged our lives for the immeasurably better. It brings light, life and hope to the darkest time of year and united young and old. Our Montol committee have created an inclusive and exciting space where Penzance can unite and celebrate.

Come and be part of it if you haven't already and please support the joy of mirth and misrule if you possibly can.

Best wishes

J. [redacted]

 Reply

 Forward

Montol team

From: [REDACTED]
To: hello@montol.org <hello@montol.org>
Date: 2026-06-08 23:02

Hello Montol Team,

From a mum born and bred in Penzance - I want to show my appreciation for the Montol festival. In the dark depths of winter it brings the community together for a celebration like no other. It's a huge event in our local calendar that reminds us why some of us grow up here and never want to leave, and want our children to grow up here, surrounded by a community of celebration, togetherness and positivity. Penzance oozes unique culture and local heritage and these celebrations highlight everything that makes Penzance- Penzance! We should be proud of our community and all the hard working individuals who make it shine at times like this. I hope the council continue their support for what makes our home town unique and a joy to be part of amongst some of the doom and gloom in the wider world.

Aren't we lucky that we can take our children out in the darkest night of winter and be surrounded by a safe and positive atmosphere like this. I wouldn't dare do the same in some other local towns on a Friday or Saturday night - but Montol brings out the goodfolk en masse and reminds us what a good place Penzance is and how many fantastic people live here.

Sending all the support.

[REDACTED]

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Support of Grant Funding

From: [REDACTED]
To: hello@montol.org <hello@montol.org>
Date: 2026-06-09 05:30

Dear Montol Legends,

I am writing in enthusiastic support of the Montol Festival and its application for funding, which is so deserved and gets my vote

In a world where many traditions are disappearing faster than a pasty at lunchtime, Montol stands proudly as a living celebration of Cornwall's rich heritage. Each winter, it transforms Penzance into a magical place filled with music, dancing, lanterns, laughter, and enough community spirit to warm even the chilliest December evening.

Montol is far more than a festival. It brings together people of all ages and backgrounds, strengthens community bonds, supports local artists and businesses, and attracts visitors from far beyond Cornwall who come to experience something truly authentic. It preserves traditions while inspiring new generations to embrace and celebrate their cultural roots.

The festival's unique blend of history, creativity, and community participation makes it one of Cornwall's most treasured events. Grant funding would help ensure that this remarkable tradition continues to flourish, benefiting residents, visitors, and future generations alike.

Quite simply, Montol is proof that tradition isn't something locked away in a museum—it can dance through the streets, sing at the top of its lungs, and bring an entire community together.

Thank you for your consideration.

Good luck and hope you get all you need and more

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Item 11(b) - Appendix 1

Montol Festival is one of the reasons that makes Penzance a wonderful place to live and visit

From: [REDACTED]
To: hello@montol.org
Date: 2026-06-09 13:42

Dear Montol Festival Organisers,

As Golowan draws near, it is a reminder that we can hopefully look forward to Montol brightening our lives in midwinter.

Before moving to Penzance, from the Camborne area, we along with many friends have regularly attended both festivals and they are part of what makes Penzance such an interesting place to live and visit.

Montol in particular gives interesting activities to engage with when the days get colder and nights longer.

So we really hope you are able to secure a grant from Penzance Council to compliment your other fund raising efforts, as Penzance would be a far duller place in winter without the Montol Festival.

Thank you for all your endeavours to keep Montol going for the future.

[REDACTED]

Support Funding for Montol

From: [REDACTED]
To: hello@montol.org <hello@montol.org>
Date: 2026-06-09 11:43

To Penzance Council,

Vote for entertainment, happiness and family fun.

In a world of 24/7 mass media subjecting us to constant diet of disastrous and tragic news, economic gloom, the depressing sense of individual powerlessness, misery and the lack of autonomy is hard to counteract.

The revival of old cheerful and happy community traditions and festivals increases our positive sense of place and heritage, improving our psychological resilience, identity and the positive feeling of belonging to a specific place and social group.

This affects not only local residents but attracts visitors in the quieter, dark 'off season'.

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Sent from my iPad

Montol

From: [REDACTED]
To: hello@montol.org <hello@montol.org>
Date: 2026-06-08 22:01

Just to confirm that this is a great festival. In fact only this evening someone asked me at the Eden Project how they could get involved with the Montol madness.
Of course it needs funding. For many Montol is the other jewel in the crown. Golowan and Montol.
But so many others too. Penzance is its people and its culture!
Kind regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]